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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Meeting on Albania

The following were the results of this morning's meeting concerning the Albanian operation:

1. Mr. Offie stated that he had discussed with Messrs. Joyce and Thompson the revised Albanian plan and that they had felt that in its present form the Albanian plan would be acceptable to the Department of State on the basis that the initiation of each new phase of the plan's implementation be cleared with the Department. It was agreed, therefore, that ODC would proceed with initial planning and preparations for full implementation of the Albanian plan as it now stands.
2. The selection of [] as operational chief for the Albanian operation was agreed upon, subject to his willingness to undertake the assignment and his acceptability to []. If it is necessary to approach Henry Luce to obtain [] services, this will be done on the basis of a loan for an "indeterminate but limited period for a special assignment".
3. Mr. Wissner directed that the forthcoming discussions with the British shall include representatives of COP and CPP.

The following persons ~~will~~^{are taking} take the necessary steps in the following matters:

1. Mr. Wissner.

a. Discuss with ODC the whereabouts of the French material on Albania.

b. Provide COP with a memorandum concerning Mr. Church.

c. Receive [] (Friday at 11:15 AM) and take necessary steps with him and his employers to make him available for the Albanian operation.

2. COP.

a. Initiate a name check on Mr. Church and maintain contact with him.

b. Draw up operational plans and schedules for the implementation of the Albanian plan.

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3. GPP.

a. Inform Colonel McDowell of the contact being made with Zog and Frasheri.

4. Mr. Offie.

a. Contact Helen Kirkpatrick regarding French views of Albania.

b. Press the Department of State for inclusion by the Secretary in an address or statement of remarks on Albania.

c. Expedite, through Mr. Kennan, a written concurrence from the Department of State in the Albanian plan as presently revised.

d. Initiate procedures for the use of Tom Stefan in maintaining contact with Nidhat Frasheri (Stefan's wife is Frasheri's niece, and Frasheri will presumably stay with Stefan on his arrival in this country.

JGM/ow

cc: Mr. Wisner
Mr. Buddock

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Mr. Offie

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